

Demonstration Notice
February 18, 2010

Embassy Manama is advising all American citizens to limit your movements and avoid Manama. There are confirmed multiple reports of violent clashes between protestors and security forces in various parts of the city during the past four days. Spontaneous demonstrations and violence are expected throughout the next several days. There is no indication that westerners are being threatened or targeted.

We are receiving reports that demonstrations will occur after 1200 local time in the area surrounding Diraz, near Bar Bar and Budaiya Highway. We are recommending that all Americans avoid that area and limit your movements.

We remind American citizens that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. American citizens are therefore urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations if possible, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations. American citizens should stay current with media coverage of local events and be aware of their surroundings at all times.

For the latest security information, U.S. citizens living and traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs Internet website at <http://travel.state.gov>, where the current Worldwide Caution, Country Specific Information for Bahrain, Travel Warnings and Travel Alerts can be found. Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or, for callers outside the United States and Canada, a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

The U.S. Embassy in Manama can be reached at (973) 1724-2700; the afterhours emergency number is (973) 1724-2957; the fax number is (973) 1725-6242. The Embassy's web site, which includes travel information and the Worldwide Caution is at <http://bahrain.usembassy.gov>. Demonstration Notices can be found at <http://Bahrain.usembassy.gov/demonstration.html>. To register in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program please visit <https://travelregistration.state.gov>. The Consular Section can be reached at ManamaConsular@state.gov